

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraphs at page 7, lines 23-33 with the following amended paragraphs:

It is preferable that a hydroxyl-containing organic compound has a number-average molecular weight not less than 62 g/mol nor more than 300 g/mol. It is not preferable that the organic compound has a number-average molecular weight of more than 300 g/mol because the forming of porous fibers becomes difficult.

Further, an example of the organic compound having a molecular weight of 62 g/mol and a plurality of hydroxyl groups is ethylene glycol, and an organic compound having a molecular weight of less than 62 g/mol and a plurality of hydroxyl groups does not exist actually. More preferable number-average molecular weights of the organic compound are not less than 62 g/mol nor more than 250 g/mol.